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SUBJ: GOE SPOKESMAN' S COMMENT ON SECRETARY' S ME STATEMENTS

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MARCH 12 PRESS CARRIES FOLLOWING GOE STATEMENT:

QUOTE: THE EGYPTIAN OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN SAID THAT EGYPT
HAS DECLARED MORE THAN ONCE THAT IT WILL NOT ACCEPT NEGOTIA-
TIONS WITH ISRAEL AND THAT THERE WERE NO INITIATIVES, AND
THAT EGYPT WOULD NOT RELINQUISH ONE INCH OF ARAB LAND NOR
ANY OF THE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINE PEOPLE.

" THIS WAS STATED YESTERDAY IN COMMENT ON STATEMENTS
MADE BY THE AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE, WILLIAM ROGERS,
IN WHICH HE SAID THAT THE TALKS HE HELD RECENTLY WITH
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KING HUSSEIN, HAFEZ ISMAIL, ADVISOR TO THE PRESIDENT FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS, AND WITH GOLDA MEIR, THE ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER, WERE " VERY ENCOURAGING" AND THAT THE THREE PARTIES HAD EXPRESSED THE WISH TO HOLD NEGOTIATIONS ON THE MIDDLE EAST CRISIS.

" THE EGYPTIAN SPOKESMAN SAID THAT ROGERS' STATEMENT WAS ABSOLUTELY UNTRUE AND WAS NOTHING MORE THAN AN ATTEMPT TO AROUSE DOUBT AND SUSPICION BETWEEN THE ARAB COUNTRIES, AND A KIND OF PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE PRACTICED BY THE UNITED STATES AND ISRAEL AGAINST (ARAB) HOMEFRONTS.

" THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT STATEMENTS OF THE AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE COMPLETE THE PLAN WHICH ISRAEL HAS PROPAGATED CONTINUOUSLY IN RECENT WEEKS, AND WHICH SPOKE ABOUT NEGOTIATIONS AND PEACE INITIATIVES AND THE POSSIBILITIES OF PARTIAL WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAELI FORCES FROM SINAI.

" THE SPOKESMAN WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE VISIT OF THE ADVISOR TO THE PRESIDENT (FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS) , WAS PART OF AN INTENSIVE DIPLOMATIC DRIVE AIMED AT PLACING THE WORLD BEFORE ITS RESPONSIBILITIES.

" THIS MOVE, WHICH HAS WIDENED IN SCOPE TO INVOLVE THREE CONTINENTS, WAS A DIPLOMATIC MOVE COMPLETING MILITARY PREPAREDNESS, SUPPORTING IT, AND PROCEEDS SIDE BY SIDE WITH IT IN ORDER TO LIBERATE THE LAND.

" BUT THE AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE WANTS ONCE AGAIN TO MISLEAD THE WORLD BY INCORRECT STATEMENTS UNCONNECTED TO THE TRUTH.

" THE EGYPTIAN OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN CONCLUDED HIS STATEMENT BY SAYING: WE HAVE GIVEN THIS THE LIE BEFORE. WE HAVE DECLARED THAT WE INSIST ON REGAINING ALL TERRITORY OCCUPIED BY ISRAEL, AND RESTORING ALL THE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. WE SHALL NOT ACCEPT BARGAINING OR NEGOTIATIONS IN THIS REGARD. END QUOTE.

2. COMMENT : WE FEEL IT PROBABLE THAT HATEM INITIATED THIS GOE STATEMENT, WHILE ZAYYAT IS TRAVELLING OUTSIDE OF EGYPT. GHORBAL SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN LEFT OUT OF THE CONFIDENTIAL

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ACTION; HIS OFFICE CALLED THIS MORNING TO ASK IF WE

COULD PROVIDE TEXT OF SECRETARY' S REMARKS.
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